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May 4, 1998

Mr. John D. Gibson  
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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: The Freedom Project (C00305805) 1997 Mid-Year Report

Dear Mr. Gibson,

The Freedom Project has reviewed your letter dated March 26, 1998, which was a follow-up to Edward Ryan's letter dated March 4, 1998 and is filing an amendment to its 1997 Mid-Year Report in the form of this letter. We wish to again note, however, that The Freedom Project did not receive these letters from the Federal Election Commission. Rather, a committee staffer discovered copies of these letters via the Internet.

Each specific question identified in your March 26, 1998 letter is addressed below. However, as that letter notes, The Freedom Project filed an amendment to its 1997 Mid-Year Report on February 20, 1998, prior to the issuance of the two letters. The February 20 amendment addressed many of the issues raised in the letters.

1. First, you ask that the committee clarify all expenditures made for fundraising on Schedule B and explain that if a portion or all of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates then the amount should be disclosed on Schedule B or E supporting line 23 or 24. The Committee's February 20 amendment moved all expenditures for candidate contributions which had previously been identified on line 21 to line 23 as requested. All other expenditures identified as "Fundraising Cost" were not candidate contributions, but rather were expenses of fundraising on behalf of the Committee itself as a nonconnected committee.

2. Second, you ask that the Committee clarify its description of expenditures as "Services Rendered." Each expenditure to Arent Fox Kinter Plotkin & Kahn identified on page 2 for line 21 was for legal services and each expenditure to Teton Strategies on page 3 for line 21 was for consulting services.